

## **PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES – March 27, 2014**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 4:30 p.m. as was duly advertised at the Tell City Depot. Council members in attendance were: Stan Goffinet, Steve Goodson, Jim Adams, Chet Mathena, Dianne Rudolph, Jody French and Ron Crawford Sr. A media representative from the *Perry County News* was also present along with Council Attorney, James Tyler.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

### **PERRY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Alvin Evans President and CEO of the Perry County Development Corporation attended the meeting to discuss what has been happening in Perry County with job creation over the past few years. He provided information from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis showing the total number of employees in the county from 2001 to 2013. It showed an increase of employees from 2000 to 2008, but then there was a small decrease in 2009 and 2010 due to recession and at this time the number of employed in Perry County is coming back up. Alvin explained that in 2009 and 2010 the main focus of the PCDC was to keep the current jobs that we had in Perry County. Alvin stated that the growth of jobs is incurring at this time and there is some expansion of current businesses. Stan stated that he and several of the council members would like to know how the PCDC spends the funds that they receive from the county each year. Stan asked what PCDC is working on at the current time to make the county grow to help increase the tax base for the county. Alvin explained that they have been very busy this year. Several local businesses are looking to expand, and several new companies have inquired about Perry County and what we have to offer. Companies are looking for shovel ready sites. Perry County has 2 sites that could be shovel ready sites, but the dirt work has not been done on these sites, and this could take up to 8 months to move the dirt and then longer to get a building built. Alvin stated that companies are looking for existing facilities of at least 50,000 square feet with ceiling heights of 32 or 36 feet. Alvin said that one business is ready to announce their intentions before long and it will create 20 to 30 new jobs plus will reduce the logistics costs of an existing business. There is another business that has given a verbal commitment, and in the first phase should create 20 to 30 jobs.

Stan asked if the county has people to fill job openings. Alvin stated that Perry County is not any different than any other area in finding qualified workers. Alvin also stated that he has been working with Workforce Development and the local Ivy Tech for training students and adults for jobs that are available in Perry County.

Stan stated that the Commissioners had recently approved a contract with Bernardin Lochmueller and Associates for a Comprehensive Plan and was interested to know what PCDC's input in the plan would be. Alvin stated that public input in the plan is very important, and the main purpose of a comprehensive plan is land usage. Alvin stated that PCDC is willing to help with the plan in any way, such as meetings and data gathering.

Dianne asked what percentage of the money they receive is from Perry County. Alvin stated that they have contracts for fees for services with the following 4 entities: Perry County, Tell City, Town of Troy and the Perry County Port Authority. He felt that Perry County contributes about 2/3's of PCDC's revenue.

Ron asked if there were any plans for PCDC to build a building for a company to locate in Perry County. Alvin stated yes, but it takes money. They would have to move dirt and then build a building and all of this would take money, and at this time they do not have that kind of money on hand.

Alvin stated that he is willing to attend any council meeting that they would like him to attend to discuss PCDC issues. Alvin had a graph showing the per capita income from 1992 to 2012. The graph showed that income of employees has increased over the years.

Stan stated that he would like to see in the future that the County Government, City Governments and PCDC work together for the betterment of Perry County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meetings of January 23<sup>rd</sup> and February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 had been mailed to council members for their review. Steve commented that he was caught off guard along with a few other council members at the last meeting when the January 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes were tabled. He stated that this was not a reflection of the job the County Auditor does and the minutes do not need to be word for word, and her job is to touch on the subject and get the important points. He stated that Connie does a great job. Stan stated that he agreed with Steve, but if the council members see something that they would like to see in the minutes then council members should ask Connie to place those items in the minutes. Jim made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, and Dianne seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Dianne made the motion to approve the February 27<sup>th</sup> minutes and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Perry County Commissioners requested an additional appropriation within the Drug Free Community Fund as follows: \$7,972.23 for Prevention & Education; \$7,972.23 for Treatment & Intervention and \$7,972.24 for Law Enforcement Justice. Jim made the motion to approve the request and Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

County Highway Superintendent, Ed Feix, requested an additional appropriation within the Motor Vehicle Highway fund in the amount of \$200,000.00 for Bituminous. Chet made the motion to approve the request and Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Lee Chestnut requested an additional appropriation within the Sex and Violent Offender Fund for Equipment in the amount of \$600.00. Dianne made the motion to approve the request and Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

County Highway Superintendent, Ed Feix, requested an additional appropriation within the Perry County EDIT Fund for County Road Improvements in the amount of \$621,108.98. Jim made the motion to approve the request and Chet seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 14-CC-03**

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY THAN WAS APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET; NOW, THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE TAXING UNIT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED OUT OF THE FUNDS NAMED AND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED, SUBJECT TO LAWS GOVERNING THE SAME:

<b>DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROPRIATED</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
<u>PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u>				
#1148-068-3000.11 PREVENTION & EDUCATION	\$7,972.23	\$ 7,972.23	7	0
#1148-068-3000.12 TREATMENT & INTERVENTION	\$7,972.23	\$ 7,972.23	7	0
#1148-068-3000.13 LAW ENFORCEMENT JUSTICE	\$7,972.24	\$ 7,972.24	7	0

**DRUG FREE  
COMMUNITY  
FUND TOTAL:                   \$23,916.70                   \$ 23,916.70**

**MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND**

PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY  
#1176-531-2000.33                   \$200,000.00                   \$ 200,000.00                   7                   0  
BITUMINOUS

**MOTOR VEHICLE  
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL: \$200,000.00                   \$ 200,000.00**

**SEX & VIOLENT OFFENDER FUND**

PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF  
#1192-005-4000.41                   \$ 600.00                   \$ 600.00                   7                   0  
EQUIPMENT

**SEX & VIOLENT OFFENDER  
FUND TOTAL:                   \$ 600.00                   \$ 600.00**

**PERRY COUNTY EDIT FUND**

PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY  
#7401-534-4000.45                   \$621,108.98                   \$ 621,108.98                   7                   0  
COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

**PERRY COUNTY  
EDIT FUND TOTAL:           \$621,108.98                   \$ 621,108.98**

ADOPTED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

NAY

AYE  
STAN GOFFINET /S/  
STEVE GOODSON /S/  
JAMES K ADAMS /S/  
DIANNA RUDLOPH /S/  
JODY FRENCH /S/  
RON CRAWFORD SR. /S/  
CHESTER MATHENA /S/

ATTEST:  
CONNIE A BERGER /S/  
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

There being no further business to come before the board, Jim made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Dianne seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes approved this 24th day of April, 2014.

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President, Perry County Council

Minutes prepared by:  
Connie A Berger, Perry County Auditor

